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I am writing to express my dissatisfaction with the current remedies imposed upon Microsoft for their flagrant unethical and monopolistic business practices over the last 10 years. I have seen product after product eliminated systematically by Microsoft thru un-fair business practices. Products such as word perfect, quatro pro, lotus 123, netscape, harvard graphics, dbase iv all provided significantly better functionality at a substantially lower cost than the microsoft equivalent product at the time they were eliminated from the consumer market. Since that time, microsoft has increased prices very significantly in all areas where they have eliminated their competition. I think a remedy for these practices should cause them some financial pain, benefit those they have injured, and make future software development more palatable. Current computer hardware is approaching the price of the computer operating system, a thing unheard of in any other industry. Linux, Beos, and os-2 all provided significantly lower cost alternatives before they were systematically eliminated by microsoft's unfair business practices of pre-installing their operating systems on oem machines. I think the remedy of providing computer hardware to poor schools and making source code available to competitors would be a significant start to rectify these problems.

sincerely
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